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1. IN THE INITIAL ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS ON THE FUTURE OF US FACILITIES AND AGREEMENTS HELD THIS WEEK IN ATHENS, THE GOG HAS QUESTIONED THE CONTINUATION OF USAF ACTIVITIES AT ATHENAI AIR BASE. THERE APPEARS TO BE ROOM FOR NEGOTIATION AND I HOPE AND EXPECT THAT THE ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS NOW CARRIED OUT AT ATHENAI AIR BASE WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE AT THAT OR SOME OTHER ACCEPTABLE LOCATION. OTHER POSITIONS SET FORTH BY THE GOG POINT TOWARD S CONSIDERABLE RESTRUCTURING OF THE US MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE ATHENS AREA. I ANTICIPATE THAT DISCUSSIONS ON VARIOUS ISSUES INVOLVED WILL CONTINUE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH ATHENAI AB WILL BE AFFECTED WILL REMAIN UNCLEAR DURING THAT PERIOD.

2. AS NOTED IN REFTTEL, I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING CLOSELY THE EDUCATIONAL SITUATION IN ATHENS, PARTICULARLY
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WITH REGARD TO THE FUTURE OF THE LOWER SCHOOL ADMINISTERED

BY ACS ON ATHENAI AB. IN LIGHT OF THE UNCERTAINTIES
CONCERNING ATHENAI AB INTRODUCED BY THE GREEK SIDE IN OUR
DISCUSSIONS, IT WOULD BE MOST UNWISE IN MY VIEW TO UPSET
THE CURRENT ARRANGEMENT UNTIL WE KNOW WHERE WE ARE GOING
IN OUR SECURITY RELATIONSHIP WITH GREECE AND WITH OUR MILITARY
FACILITIES HERE. FOR THIS
REASON, I URGE THAT THE CURRENT EDUCATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS
REMAIN AS THEY ARE FOR THE 75-76 SCHOOL YEAR AND THAT
THE POSSIBILITY OF THE US AIR FORCE PURCHASING THE ACS-
ADMINISTERED SCHOOL ON ATHENAI AB BE DEFERRED FOR THE
TIME BEING.
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